

FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT

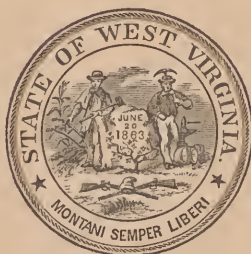
OF THE

Directors and Superintendent

OF THE

WEST VA. HOSPITAL FOR THE INSANE,

FOR THE YEAR 1867.



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CLARKSBURG, Dec. 13, 1867.

To His Excellency A. I. BOREMAN,

*Governor of West Virginia :*

SIR : I have the honor herewith to transmit to you the Annual Report of the Board of Directors and other Officers of the West Virginia Hospital for the Insane, for the year 1867.

I am, Very Respectfully,

Yours, &c.,

N. GOFF,

*President.*

## OFFICERS.

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# DIRECTOR'S REPORT.

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To His Excellency A. I. BOREMAN,  
*Governor of West Virginia:*

SIR: In compliance with the laws of the State, the Directors of the West Virginia Hospital for the Insane, have the honor to present to you, and through you to the Legislature, their Fourth Annual Report, being for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1867.

Before proceeding to state what has been done in the way of construction upon the building, the Directors beg leave to refer to the operations and management of the Hospital proper, as distinguished from the construction department; and in doing so, they desire to ask attention to the accompanying Report of the Medical Superintendent, as affording the best exposition they are able to present of the workings of the institution; of what it has already accomplished during its brief history, and what may be hoped for from it in the future. The Report exhibits, in a full and satisfactory manner, the present sanitary and financial condition of the department under Dr. Hills' charge, and enters so much into details as to obviate the necessity of the Board doing more than to refer to it. It embraces statistical and other information that is valuable to all who are interested in the construction of this Hospital and the treatment of the insane of the State.

Attention is respectfully asked to the suggestions of the Medical Superintendent, found in his Report, with reference to a general revision of the laws now in force for the government of this institution. The Board are fully convinced that a thorough revision is not only necessary, but a radical change should be made, embracing new principles and more practical rules and requirements; and they entertain the hope that this subject will receive the early attention of the Legislature.

As may be seen from the Superintendent's Report, there are now in the Hospital forty-five patients. These, together with the Superintendent and the employees, occupy the south one-story wing of the building. The section next to, and connecting with this wing on the north, will shortly be finished, and will afford room for one hundred additional patients and the necessary attendants.

Sixty of these will be received from within the limits of the State, of such as will be most likely to be benefited by hospital treatment, and forty will be brought from the Western Lunatic Asylum of Virginia, at Staunton, of those now being maintained in that institution at the

charge of this State. This transfer from Staunton, the Board hope to accomplish during the mild weather of autumn, and the Superintendent has been authorized to do it as soon as the necessary arrangements can be perfected.\*

The Board felt some hesitancy in taking this step, as it seemed to be without authority of law, but finally concluded to do so, in view of the fact that the Legislature had recognized these patients as belonging to West Virginia, by appropriating money for their maintenance, and of the additional fact that the Board of Directors of the Western Lunatic Asylum had requested that "all practical diligence might be used by the Government of West Virginia, to have the patients from that (this) State removed at as early a day as possible, as the room occupied by them was greatly needed for patients from the State of Virginia." It is hoped that what has been done in this respect may meet your Excellency's approval, and that of the Legislature.

Heretofore the spring on the hillside, in the rear of the Hospital, has been relied upon, and has furnished the greater portion of the water used upon the premises, but during the dry season of the past summer, it has almost entirely failed, and is now affording but a small per cent of the quantity needed; and since the month of July, we have been under the necessity of digging a second well, and constructing a rain water cistern with a capacity of two thousand barrels. Even now, with comparatively a small number of patients, a large quantity of water is used, and the demand will be greatly increased with an increase in the number of patients and the enlargement of the building, and it is manifest that it will be unsafe to rely upon the spring. The wells and cistern are but temporary expedients, and it is now probable, if not entirely certain, that the river will have to be resorted to ultimately, in order to secure a full and constant supply of water.

Since the last report, machinery and apparatus for boiling, washing and drying have been introduced into the laundry, the whole operated by steam, and working quite satisfactorily, and saving a very great amount of manual labor, and insuring dispatch and thoroughness in cleansing the garments of the patients. The tubs being made of soft wood, and liable to shrink and swell, may have to be replaced with more solid material.

The Report of the Treasurer, hereto appended, exhibits the amount drawn by him from the last appropriation for "current expenses;" and the Superintendent's Report exhibits the manner in which it has been expended. The unexpended balance of the appropriation will be

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\*This transfer was successfully accomplished in November, from Staunton to Clarksburg by rail, without change of cars; thence to Weston by coaches.

needed to meet the expenses which will necessarily accrue before the Legislature can reasonably be expected to provide for the next year.

The Superintendent estimates the current expenses of the next year at the sum of \$39,150 00. For transportation of patients, \$6,000 00.

These estimates are based upon the certainty that the first section will be ready in a very short time to receive the one hundred additional patients, and the reasonable assumption that the second section will be ready by April 1st to receive seventy-five or eighty more. The Board have carefully revised them, and believe them to be within the limits of the necessities of the Hospital for the coming year. They may be more specifically stated as follows:—

50 Patients, 8 weeks, at \$4 50 per week	\$1,800 00
100   "    5   "    at 4 50   "   "	2,250 00
150   "   13   "    at 4 50   "   "	8,775 00
225   "   26   "    at 4 50   "   "	26,325 00
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	\$39,150 00

In this calculation, it will be seen, there is nothing allowed for what may be received from pay-patients. Heretofore, the amount received from that source has been so inconsiderable as to justify its omission here. At most, it is not likely to amount to more, if as much, as will be needed to meet the contingent expenses which cannot well be foreseen nor provided against.

For transportation of patients, the estimate is based upon the supposition that there will be two hundred admissions during the year from all sources, including changes. The average cost of each, at the rate allowed by law, will be about thirty dollars. This gives the sum of the above estimate, and the Board believe it the lowest that can safely be named. It is large, but is more than will probably ever be needed in any three years again. *This fund ought to be made independent of all others.* This sum, in its aggregate of \$45,150 00, will doubtless appear large, but the continued high price of the necessities of life,—which probably will not be less for the next twelve months,—and the large additions that will certainly be made to the number of patients early in the year, indicate clearly what will be the necessities of the Hospital for the time embraced in the estimate, for its ordinary expenses.

In considering this subject, it should be remembered that the increased expense of maintaining the Hospital will be consequent mainly upon the increase of patients. These having been transferred from Staunton and the jails of the State, where they are now being supported at the cost of this State, there will be a decrease in the expense on those accounts nearly corresponding to the increase here.



It will be necessary, in a very short time, to have the services of an Assistant Physician, whose salary has not been taken into the account in estimating current expenses. It is supposed this will be about \$1,000 per annum.

Greater facilities and resources for in-door amusements for the patients are needed. It does not require one to be very familiar with life in a lunatic hospital, to understand how essential it is to success in treating a diseased mind, to be able in some way to divert it from preying constantly upon itself. This can be done in no better way than by furnishing a variety of pleasant amusements, combined as far as possible with instruction. With the exception of one or two musical instruments, the Hospital is in a manner destitute in this respect: The Board suggest an appropriation of \$500 for this purpose.

It will be observed that the estimate for current expenses, transportation of patients, and Assistant Physician's salary, is only for the fiscal year ending September 30th, 1868, and it is respectfully suggested that in making the appropriations, the Legislature should provide for the time that will intervene between the end of the year 1868 and the period when the next appropriation will probably be made, say the first of March, 1869.

At the meetings of the Board, the Directors have made it a rule to visit and inspect the rooms of the patients, the public halls, and the premises generally, and have in this and other ways, endeavored to acquaint themselves fully with the condition of the Hospital and the treatment of its inmates. Upon these occasions they have invariably found the interior in most excellent order, and they believe the patients have been well and kindly cared for.

It gives the Board pleasure to be able to bear continued testimony to the ability and faithfulness with which Dr. Hills, the Superintendent, has uniformly discharged his laborious and varied duties; and to the valuable services of the Matron, Mrs. Hills, and the Assistant Matron, Mrs. Ely; and the efficient aid of the employees generally.

#### CONSTRUCTION DEPARTMENT.

As is well known to your Excellency, this Hospital was founded about ten years ago, by the State of Virginia, and upon a scale corresponding to the great extent of that State, and its large and increasing necessities for additional hospital accommodations for the insane.

The plan and design of the building was prepared by a skillful architect after a careful study of the subject, and were submitted to the examination of some of the most eminent Superintendents of Lunatic Hospitals in America, and received their approval.

The plan may be said to consist of a three story centre building, 72



feet wide and 120 feet long, flanked on each side to the north and south with two divisions or sections 176 feet each, in length, and each terminating in a one story wing; the whole forming one connected and continuous building, having a front 1,196 feet in length, with three halls of one story, running back from each wing 120 feet, at right angles with the front. The exterior walls are of stone, and the interior are of hard burnt brick. There is a basement story under the whole; and the roof is of slate.

Upon this plan the building is being constructed, with a few slight modifications of the interior.

Had it been the duty of the Board as at present organized, to determine upon a plan for a Hospital building, it is more than probable they would have adopted one less extensive and less costly—one more nearly corresponding to the limited resources of the young State; but in doing so they might have been compelled to sacrifice the convenience of arrangement, and the sanitary adaptation possessed by the present one in such a superior degree.

At the time West Virginia was organized, a large amount of work had been done upon the building under the auspices of Virginia,—foundations and substructions amounting to 10,000 perch of masonry, had been laid—the entire south one-story wing had been put under roof or nearly so, and the walls of the two sections or divisions, connecting it with the centre, had been raised several feet in height.

The present Board was organized January 1st, 1864, and proceeded as rapidly as the means they had would permit, to finish and furnish the south one-story wing, and open it for the reception of patients, which was done in October 1864.

In March, 1866, the Legislature appropriated \$75,000 to continue the work of construction, and in February in 1867, \$100,000 more.

Early in the spring of 1866, work was begun on the section adjoining the furnished wing, under the superintendence of Mr. John May, an experienced builder, who had formerly been employed on the work in the same capacity. For the progress made during the summer following, the Board beg leave to refer to their report of last year.

In that Report they use the following language, "the Board is gratified in being able to say that they expect the first section will be placed under roof and otherwise enclosed before the end of December next; also that the heating apparatus will be in complete operation by the same time; thus enabling the interior finish to be carried on during the remainder of the winter. Should these expectations be fully realized, which we cannot well doubt, about one hundred additional patients can be admitted in the coming spring, probably in May or June next."

The Board regret to have to say, that these reasonable expectations were *not* fully realized. Before the section was entirely inclosed or the heating apparatus entirely completed, the winter set in with great severity, and the work had to be suspended, except such as could be done in the shops, and a very large proportion of what it had been hoped would be accomplished during the winter was necessarily postponed until the return of mild weather in the spring, and we are only now completing what we had expected at the date of the last report, to have had finished three or four months ago.

This delay is to be regretted on account of the constant and pressing demands for admission of patients, but it is perhaps not entirely without its compensating results.

The work having been done in the summer, is probably better and more cheaply done, than it could have been during the cold weather and short days of winter; and the walls and plastering have had more time to become dry and in better condition to be occupied without danger to the health of the inmates. As has already been stated this section will soon be finished and filled with patients, and it will be seen from the report of the Medical Superintendent that the necessary bedding and furniture for it is in readiness, except a portion of the bedsteads, which are being made in the shops of the Hospital, at a saving of cost.

Soon after the last appropriation was made by the Legislature, active operations were begun on the *second section*, which brings the work up to the south side of the centre building. A small amount of work had been done upon it the previous winter, and it has been quite successfully prosecuted through this summer. The walls are now up; the wood work of the roof is in position, and the slate is being put on. Considerable progress has also been made with the fixtures for heating. The work is progressing with a good degree of expedition, and the Board feel warranted in saying that it will be in readiness for occupancy by the 1st of April next, unless some untoward hindrance occurs. The bedding and furniture for this division will be prepared in advance, so that there will be no delay in receiving patients on that account.

Up to the present time the cooking has been done for the entire household in a temporary kitchen outside of the main building. The large increase in the number of patients soon to take place, makes it necessary to provide more extensive fixtures for the preparation of food, and better facilities for distributing it to the various divisions of the Hospital. *Now* it is prepared on common *cooking stoves*, and carried by the attendants from the kitchen to the eating-rooms.

According to the original design, the permanent kitchens are to be located in the north-west and south-west angles of the centre building, the foundations of which are already laid. The board have determined to proceed with as little delay as possible, to raise the walls of the north-west angle sufficiently high for a basement and principal kitchen, and roof it in, in such a manner as not to obstruct future construction, finish the interior, and put in permanent apparatus for cooking.

By means of a railway to be laid down in the basement, the food can be distributed readily to the dumb-waiters, and be elevated by means of them, with great facility to the eating-rooms in the different stories.

The subject of lighting the building has received very considerable attention from the Board at their official meetings, and by the individual members in the intervals. Up to the present, lamps and carbon oil have been used, but in an establishment of this kind this method of lighting is not thought to be either safe or economical, and is known to be very inconvenient. Pipes and fittings for the introduction of gas have been put in place as the building has progressed, and it has finally been resolved by the Board at its present meeting, to construct without delay, the necessary works for the manufacture of gas, and they now fully expect to have the building lighted by that means as soon as the first of January next.

The accounts of the Superintendent of construction show an expenditure for the year ending September 30th of \$99,745 57, the details of which are too lengthy to be inserted in this report. Of this sum about \$19,000 remains unliquidated in consequence of some little delay in the payment of drafts drawn by the Treasurer of the Hospital on the Treasury of the State. It is believed the unpaid balance will be adjusted in a few days.

The Treasurer's report exhibits the amount that has come into his hands from the State Treasury and other sources, during the year, and the manner of its expenditure. The report is hereto appended.

It is estimated that the unexpended balance of the appropriations for construction will be sufficient, or nearly so, to complete all that has been undertaken the present year. In what they have done or undertaken to do, the Board have desired and endeavored, so to shape the work as not to *create a necessity* for additional appropriations of money.

They hope to be able to *finish* what they have begun, with the means now at their disposal, and thus leave the Legislature free to determine the question of further appropriations upon the abstract merits of the institution.

They deem it to be their duty, however, to say that a further enlargement of the building is necessary. Those portions now in progress and soon to be finished, together with that already occupied will be insuffi-

cient to accommodate all the existing cases now chargeable to the State, to say nothing of the probable future increase of number. Moreover the full benefits of the institution can not be secured until there is sufficient room to enable the Superintendent to separate the sexes into distinct departments, and allow him to make that complete classification of cases so indispensable to successful treatment. This much desired and indispensable arrangement cannot be accomplished in any satisfactory degree, until the centre division, and the adjoining section to the north of it, shall have been completed.

According to the original plan, which it is intended to carry out, the central division will contain the kitchens, store-room for provisions and material, dispensary, offices for the transaction of business, receiving room for patients and visitors, chapel for religious services, &c., principal entrance hall and main stair-way, the home of the Superintendent, Matron, Assistant Physician, and other officers, and sleeping rooms for all the employees, from the highest to the lowest. These are the intended *uses* of that portion of the building, and the *necessities* for its speedy erection must be apparent to all. Until that is done, these necessities must be temporarily and imperfectly provided for in the departments intended for patients, thereby necessarily restricting their room and their numbers.

The building Superintendent estimates the cost, exclusive of the necessary steam heating apparatus, of constructing the centre building, at \$71,367 00, and the Board are of the opinion that it ought to be built with as little delay as possible. To put in the heating apparatus, furniture and fixtures, will cost about \$10,000.

The present means for generating steam for heating purposes, are insufficient. There are but two small boilers, one of which is new, the other old, and liable to fail at any time. The old one must be removed, and should be replaced with two new ones of some approved kind, so as to be fully prepared for possible accidents. This is one of the *vital* parts of the institution, and should be *complete* and *ample*. To make it so, \$2,000 will be required, and the Board take the liberty of insisting upon this, though there should not be another dollar appropriated for construction.

Much of the greater part of the work done under the present management, has been done by day-labor, and under the immediate personal supervision of the building Superintendent. But few contracts for either work or material have been let, and none that could well be avoided.

The Board are aware that the building is an expensive one, rendered much more so by the present very high price of labor and materials; a contingency that could not possibly have been foreseen by its founders.



What the Board have done, they have endeavored to do carefully and well; and if they have failed in any degree to meet the demands of a just and reasonable public expectation, they can only regret it, and express the wish that their duties and responsibilities had devolved on others more competent to discharge them.

All public servants should be held to a strict accountability for the manner in which they administer the trust confided to them. *And although their services may be given gratuitously to the State*, that fact should entitle them to no immunity from a close scrutiny of their official acts. The Board ask for themselves no such exemption, but on the contrary they request that a careful and thorough investigation be made of their doings as a Board of Directors, and officially reported to the country.

With this view, they have at the present meeting passed the following:

*"Resolved*, That this Board request the next Legislature to appoint a committee, with a competent architect, to visit this institution, and report to their body in regard to the doings of this Board in their general management, and in the construction of this Hospital for the Insane; and that this resolution be inserted in our Report."

The Board take the liberty of enforcing this request, by stating it to be their opinion that such a visit, by a competent committee with ample powers, could not fail to result in benefit to the institution, by enabling them to inform the Legislature thoroughly as to its present condition, its real wants, and its capacity to do good. And they would suggest, further, that such a visitation be made annually, to inspect the condition of the Hospital proper and the work of construction, and the result of the investigations reported to the Legislature.

In conclusion, the Board desire to commend the institution, with all its important interests, to the favorable consideration of your Excellency and the Legislature.

Signed on behalf of the Directors.

NATHAN GOFF,  
*President.*

*West Virginia Hospital for the Insane, Oct. 12, 1867.*





STATEMENT of Geo. A. Jackson, Treasurer of the West Virginia Hospital for Insane, for the Year ending Sept. 30, 1867.  
 DR. CONSTRUCTION FUND. CR.

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1866.		1867.			
Sept. 30,	To Amount due Treasurer.....	\$2,926 36		Oct. 25,	By Cash received from State Treasurer, \$10,000 00
" "	" " paid Joseph Bell.....	34 00		Nov. 23,	" " " " " " 10,000 00
" "	" " John Peck.....	154 00		Dec. 3,	" " " " " " 10,000 00
" "	" " S. G. Shaw.....	27 40		" 12,	" " " " " " 7,000 00
" "	" " N. Goff.....	6 00		" 12,	" " " " " " 3,000 00
" "	" " J. C. McGrew.....	33 00		1867.	
" "	" " October Pay Roll.....		\$ 3,180 76	May 6,	" " " " " " 10,000 00
" "	" " November Pay Roll...		9,555 57	" 14,	" " " " " " 10,000 00
" "	" " December Pay Roll...		7,720 72	July 23,	" " " " " " 10,000 00
" "	" " January Pay Roll.....		4,933 87	August 3,	" " " " " " 5,000 00
" "	" " February Pay Roll.....		3,645 53	" "	" " " " " " 5,000 00
" "	" " March Pay Roll.....		3,378 36	Sept. 2,	" " " " " " 5,000 99
" "	" " N. Goff.....		4,196 08	April,	Cash received from P. M. Hale, use
" "	" " J. C. McGrew.....		32 00	" "	of saw mill, &c..... 69 45
" "	" " S. G. Shaw.....		17 00	Sept. 14,	Cash received of L. Smith, for Lime 12 15
" "	" " April Pay Roll.....		25 50	" 16,	" " E. Fisher, Lime.... 3 50
" "	" " May Pay Roll.....		5,887 12	" "	Cash collected on pay days..... 43 50
" "	" " June Pay Roll.....		7,867 53	October 8,	Cash received from R. P. Camden,
" "	" " July Pay Roll.....		9,057 55	" "	for Lime..... 12 00
" "	" " August Pay Roll.....		11,760 84		
" "	Amount paid N. Goff, President, to		11,274 19		
" "	pay freights.....				
" "	Amount paid Joseph Bell.....		1,000 00		
" "	" " N. Goff.....		28 25		
" "	Amount of drafts paid for Sept. & Oct.		11 40		
" "	Amount of interest on \$3,180 76, from		726 68		
" "	Oct. 10th to Nov. 23, 1866.....	\$ 23 32			
" "	Amount of Postage, Stationery, Ex-				
" "	change, and Revenue Stamps.....	30 33			
	Balance.....		53 65		
			788 00		
			\$85,140 60.		
				By Balance on hand.....	\$ 788 00
					\$85,140 60

Respectfully Submitted,  
 G. A. JACKSON, Treasurer.

# SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

*To the Board of Directors of West Virginia Hospital for the Insane :*

SIRS :—I am enabled, under Providence, to make to you our Fourth Annual Report.

Our progress during the past year has been as follows :

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Remaining in Hospital, Oct. 1, 1866-----	22	21	43
Admitted during the year-----	10	9	19
Total number under treatment-----	32	30	62
DISCHARGES.			
Recovered-----	8	4	12
Improved-----	2	2	4
Died-----	1	—	1
Total discharges-----	11	6	17
Remaining Oct. 1, 1867-----	21	24	45

The statistics of the whole period since the opening of the Hospital, are as follows :

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Whole number admitted from the opening-----	44	46	90
DISCHARGED.			
Recovered-----	15	11	26
Improved-----	3	5	8
Unimproved-----	2	1	3
Died-----	3	5	8
Total discharges-----	23	22	45

Our figures thus far are so few, in all respects, that the customary analysis into statistical tables is needless. Such analysis is of value only when the numbers are large, and the lapse of time such that the

average results can be depended upon as approximating what may be expected in the future. Attention is called to one fact only, which is gratifying even with our small figures. It will be seen from the above table, that of the forty-five patients discharged from the Hospital up to this date, twenty-six have been sent to their homes as recovered. This is fifty-seven per cent of the total discharges. It is higher than may reasonably be expected in the future. In the first few years of the opening of all new institutions, an unfavorable class for recovery predominate in the admissions.

We next present the usual tabular statement of all cases under treatment up to this date.

TABULAR STATEMENT OF ALL UNDER TREATMENT TO THIS DATE, OCTOBER 1, 1867.

Number.	Date of Admission.	Sex.	Age.	Social Condition.	Number of Attacks.	Number of Admissions.	Duration of Insanity.	Supposed Cause.	Form of Insanity.	Age at first Attack.	Suicidal.	Homicidal.	Hereditary.	Occupation.	Nativity.	Residence.	Result.
1	Oct. 22,	F	29	Single.	2	1	2½ y'rs.	Grief,	Dementia,	23				Housekeeper	Virginia,	Mon'galia co.	Died.
2	" "	F	26	"	1	1	5 "	Hereditary,	"	21			H	"	"	Harrison	" Remains.
3	" "	F	24	"	1	1	5 "	Unknown,	"	19				"	"	Upshur	" Dis. Imp'd
4	" "	F	27	"	2	1	1 "	Ill health,	Melancholia,	22				"	"	Ohio	" Remains.
5	" "	F	39	"	1	1	1 "	Unknown,	Acute Mania	37				Milliner,	Ireland,	"	"
6	" "	F	37	Married,	1	1	2 "	Domestic trouble,	Dementia,	35			H	Housekeeper	Virginia,	"	"
7	" "	F	29	"	1	1	3 "	Ill health,	Acute Mania	26	S			"	"	Kanawha	"
8	" "	F	22	"	1	1	9 mo's.	Dysmennorrhia,	"	21				"	"	Ohio	" Recovered.
9	" "	F	43	Single,	1	1	10 "	"The War,"	Acute Dem.,	32				"	Switzerl'd,	"	"
10	Nov. 1,	F	34	Married,	1	1	10 "	Ill health.	Melancholia,	43	S		H	"	Virginia,	Brooke	" Died.
11	Nov. 16,	F	34	"	1	1	2 years.	Unknown,	Acute Mania	32	S			"	"	Lewis	" Improved.
12	Nov. 17,	F	54	"	1	1	1½ "	Unknown,	Melancholia,	32	S			Cooper,	"	Marion	" Remains.
13	Nov. 18,	F	41	Single,	3	1	2 "	Sun stroke,	Melancholia,	53	S			Spinster,	Penn'a,	Marshall	" Recovered.
14	Nov. 25,	F	23	Married,	2	1	2 "	Hereditary,	Acute Mania	21		H	H	Housekeeper	Penn'a,	Harrison	" Remains.
15	Nov. 30,	F	56	"	1	1	6 mo's.	Affliction,	"	20	S			"	Germany,	Ritchie	" Recovered.
16	Dec. 3,	M	25	Single,	1	1	3 "	Unknown,	Monomania,	50			H	Farmer,	Virginia,	Ohio	" Remains.
17	Dec. 8,	M	45	Married,	1	1	2½ "	Trouble,	Dementia,	22		H		Carpenter,	"	Gilmer	"
18	Dec. 16,	F	36	"	1	1	9 "	Dissipated husb'd	Acute Mania	27				Housekeeper	"	Harrison	"
19	Dec. 23,	M	27	Single,	1	1	4 "	Onanism,	Dementia,	23		H		Laborer,	"	Ritchie	"
20	Dec. 27,	M	38	Married,	1	1	2 "	"The War,"	"	36				Merchant,	"	Mason	"
21	Dec. 30,	M	38	Single,	1	1	6 mo's.	Gen'l paralysis,	"	38				Clerk,	Penn'a,	Ohio	" Died.
22	Jan. 3,	M	22	Married,	2	1	6 w'ks.	"A fit,"	Acute Mania	16				Farmer,	Virginia,	Ohio	" Recovered.
23	Jan. 4,	F	35	Single,	1	1	32 years.	Epilepsy,	"	3				None,	"	Tyler	" Died.
24	Jan. 10,	M	20	"	1	1	6 mo's.	Fever & hered'try	Acute Dem.,	20		H		Farmer,	"	Marion	" Recovered.
25	Jan. 22,	M	68	Married,	1	1	16 years.	Hereditary,	Melancholia,	52		H		Housekeeper	"	"	" Improved.
26	Jan. 31,	F	45	"	2	1	3 "	Uterine trouble,	Acute Mania	42				"	Germany,	Ohio	" Remains.
27	Feb. 12,	M	23	Single,	1	1	3 "	Masturbation,	"	20				"	Virginia,	Marion	"
28	Feb. 28,	M	35	Married,	1	1	10 "	Hereditary,	Chronic M'a,	25	H			Cap't Maker,	"	Preston	" Elop'd.
29	" "	M	29	Single,	1	1	8 "	Masturbation,	"	21				Farmer,	"	"	" Died.
30	Mar. 11,	M	61	Married,	2	1	3 mo's.	Unknown,	Acute Mania	40				Mason,	Ireland,	Lewis	" Unimpro'd

TABULAR STATEMENT OF ALL UNDER TREATMENT TO THIS DATE, OCTOBER 1, 1867.—Continued.

Number.	Date of Admission.	Sex.	Age.	Social Condition.	Number of Attacks.	Number of Admissions.	Duration of Insanity.	Supposed Cause.	Form of Insanity.	Age at first attack.	Snitchd.	Blomitchd.	Hereditary.	Occupation.	Nativity.	Residence.	Result.
31	Mar. 20,	F	24	Single,	1	1	5 years,	Unknown,	Dementia,	19				Houskeeper	Virginia,	Upshur co.,	Unimproved.
32	April 14,	M	56	Married,	1	1	2 "	"	Acute Mania	54		H		Shoemaker,	"	Kanawha	Remains.
33	May 1,	M	54	"	1	1	10 "	Religious excit't,	Chronic M'a,	44	S	H		Farmer,	"	Taylor	Died.
34	May 13,	M	29	"	1	1	4 mo's,	Fever,	Acute Mania	28				"	"	Wood	Recovered.
35	May 17,	F	23	"	1	1	2 weeks	Domestic trouble,	"	23	S			Houskeeper	"	Ohio	"
36	May 20,	M	23	"	1	1	3 years,	Measles,	Dementia,	20				Farmer,	"	Randolph	Remains.
37	May 26,	M	25	Single,	1	1	Unkno'n	Unknown,	"					Unknown,	Germany,	Wood	"
38	June 6,	F	28	"	8	1	2 mo's,	Amenorrhoea,	Acute Mania	19				Houskeeper	Virginia,	Lewis	Recovered.
39	June 10,	M	47	Widow'r	1	1	9 years,	Sickness,	Chronic M'a,	38	H			Farmer,	"	Ohio	Remains.
40	"	M	43	Married,	1	1	2 mo's,	Business trouble,	Acute Mania	43				Printer,	Germany,	"	Recovered.
41	June 17,	F	24	Single,	1	1	"	Unknown,	"	24				Laborer,	Virginia,	Wood	"
42	June 18,	F	48	"	1	1	8 years,	"	Dementia,	40				None,	"	Harrison	Remains.
43	June 24,	M	24	Married,	1	1	All	Unknown,	Acute Mania					Cigar maker,	Germany,	Tyler	Improved.
44	July 6,	M	25	Single,	2	1	15 mo's,	Wound,	Acute Dem.	18	S			Army officer,	Virginia,	Ohio	Remains.
45	Sept. 13,	F	42	Widow,	1	1	8 "	Unknown,	Acute Mania	34				Houskeeper	"	Upshur	"
46	Sept. 14,	F	18	Single,	1	1	"	Amenorrhoea,	"	18				"	Penn'a,	Ohio	Recovered.
47	Sept. 15,	M	31	"	1	1	2 years,	Masturbation,	"	29				Farmer,	Virginia,	Harrison	Improved.
48	Oct. 5,	F	37	Married,	1	1	9 mo's,	Unknown,	"	36				Houskeeper	"	Berkeley	Recovered.
49	Oct. 11,	M	35	Single,	1	1	20 "	Congenital,	"	33	H			Farmer,	"	Pleasants	Remains.
50	Oct. 12,	F	39	Married,	1	1	2 years,	Jealousy,	"	37				"	"	Lewis	"
51	Oct. 16,	F	32	"	1	1	1 1/2 "	Puerperal,	Melancholia,	31				"	"	Doddridge	Improved.
52	Oct. 22,	M	43	Single,	1	1	3 weeks	Exc't court trial,	Acute Mania	43				Farmer,	Italy, (?)	Upshur	Recovered.
53	Nov. 17,	M	25	"	1	1	All	Unknown,	Dementia,	21	S			Unknown,	Virginia,	Lewis	Remains.
54	Nov. 25,	M	22	"	1	1	1 year,	"	Acute Mania	1				Farmer,	"	Ritchie	Improved.
55	Nov. 28,	F	26	"	1	1	7 "	Self-abuse,	Dementia,					"	"	Cabell	Remains.
56	Dec. 8,	F	41	"	3	1	2 mo's,	Unknown,	Acute Mania	35	S			None,	"	Ritchie	Recovered.
57	Dec. 28,	M	40	Married,	2	1	2 weeks	Intemperance,	"	31				Houskeeper	"	Putnam	"
58	Jan. 12,	F	31	"	1	1	2 weeks	Puerperal,	"	19				Farmer,	"	Upshur	Died.
59	Jan. 16,	F	29	Single,	9	2	2 "	Constitutional,	"	19				"	"	Lewis	Recovered.
60	Feb. 6,	F	26	Widow,	1	1	1 mo.,	Death of Husband	"	26				"	"	"	Remains.



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Number.	Date of Admission.	Sex.	Age.	Social Condition.	Number of Attacks.	Number of Admissions.	Duration of Insanity.	Supposed Cause.	Ferm of Insanity.	Age at first attack.	Suicidal.	Homicidal.	Hereditary.	Occupation.	Nativity.	Residence.	Result.
61	Feb. 10,	M	47	Married,	S'l.	1	4 weeks	Injury of head,	Acute Mania,	31				Carpenter,	Penn'a,	Marion co.,	Recovered.
62	Feb. 23,	F	38	"	2	1	3 "	Puerperal,	"	30				Housekeeper	"	Harrison "	"
63	April 12,	M	19	Single,	1	1	8 mo's.	Ven. Excess,	"	19	S			Clerk,	"	Wetzel "	"
64	May 26,	M	50	Married,	1	1	4 years.	Intemperance,	Chronic M'a,	46	S			Taylor,	"	Jackson "	Remains.
65	May 26,	F	48	"	2	2	1 year.	Affliction,	Suicidal "	40	S			Housekeeper	"	Pendleton "	"
66	May 29,	M	25	Single,	2	2	3 weeks	Ven. Excess,	Acute "	24				Laborer,	"	Ohio "	Recovered.
67	June 1,	F	21	Married,	1	1	5 mo's.	Puerperal,	"	21	S			Housekeeper	Penn'a,	Monong'a "	Remains.
68	June 2,	F	48	"	1	1	4 "	Unknown,	Melancholia,	48			H	"	"	Brooke "	Recovered.
69	June 2,	F	47	"	1	1	4 "	"Amenorrhea,"	Melancholia,	45	S			"	Germany,	Preston "	Died.
70	July 3,	M	50	"	1	1	4 "	Shooting daught'r	Melancholia,	50				Stone Mason,	Virginia,	Taylor "	Recovered.
71	July 4,	M	31	Single,	5	1	1 week.	Constitutional,	Acute Mania,	20				Farmer,	"	Harrison "	"
72	Dec. 1,	M	50	Married,	1	1	10 days.	Death of sons,	Melancholia,	50	S		H	"	"	Grant "	"
73	Dec. 6,	F	30	Single,	1	1	8 years.	Unknown,	Dementia,	22				Housekeeper	"	Lewis "	Improved.
74	Dec. 8,	F	36	"	1	1	10 "	Hereditary,	Chonic M.,	26			H	"	"	Ritchie "	Remains.
75	Jan. 11,	M	55	Married,	1	1	2 mo's.	Jealousy,	Acute Dem.	55				Laborer,	Ireland,	Ohio "	"
76	Jan. 19,	M	58	"	1	1	10 years.	Hereditary,	Dementia,	48			H	Farmer,	Virginia,	Taylor "	"
77	Jan. 26,	M	41	"	1	1	8 "	Unknown,	Melancholia,	31				"	"	Upshur "	Recovered.
78	Mar. 27,	F	23	Single,	1	1	15 mo's.	Ill health,	"	21				Housekeeper	Ireland,	Lewis "	Remains.
79	April 26,	F	25	"	1	1	6 "	"	"	24	S			"	Virginia,	Hancock "	"
80	April 26,	M	26	"	1	1	4 years.	Imprisonment,	Dementia,	22			H	Farmer,	"	Marion "	"
81	April 26,	M	25	Married,	2	1	2 mo's.	Hereditary,	Acute Mania,	25				"	"	"	"
82	May 11,	M	44	"	S'l.	1	6 years.	'Parents cousins,'	"	38			H	"	"	Taylor "	"
83	May 28,	F	26	"	"	1	9 "	Hereditary,	Melancholia,	17	S		H	Farmers wife	"	Harrison "	Recovered.
84	June 6,	F	31	"	2	1	5 "	"	Acute Mania,	26			H	"	"	Upshur "	Remains.
85	June 12,	M	27	Single,	2	1	11 mo's.	Unknown,	"	21				Laborer,	Ireland,	Marshall "	"
86	June 25,	M	36	Married,	1	1	2 years.	Jealousy,	"	34				Nailor,	Penn'a,	Ohio "	"
87	July 13,	M	56	"	1	1	120 mo's.	Hereditary,	Melancholia,	54	S		H	Farmer,	Virginia,	Harrison "	"
88	Aug. 13,	F	20	Single,	1	1	2 weeks	"	Acute Mania,	20				Housekeeper	"	Upshur "	"
89	Aug. 25,	F	18	"	1	1	2 mo's.	Unknown,	"					"	"	Monong'a "	"
90	Sept. 18,	F	28	"	1	1	3 "	"	Melancholia,	28	S			"	"	Mineral "	"



## ADDITIONAL ROOM.

It is a subject of great gratification that the section of the building on which the work of two whole seasons has been spent, is now so nearly done. It will be a glad day to many of the suffering ones in the jail cells of the State, and to many afflicted and sorrow-bowed families when we can finally announce that our doors are open, and that we are ready to welcome those who have been long waiting for admission. The construction of the stairways, with a little more painting, oiling of floors and a few other items of finishing up, are all that remains to be done before patients can be admitted.

I have estimated that by a little crowding we can then accommodate about *one hundred additional patients*. With over one hundred of our patients in the Hospitals of Virginia, and at least an equal number of applicants from the several counties of West Virginia, many of whom are in the jail of the State, it will be a question for the Board to determine from which class our room shall be filled up. Or if a portion of each be taken, (which I would recommend,) then how many of each.

The proper classification of this number, and suitable location and division of the sexes, will be a matter of perplexity, and indeed must continue to be so until the opposite end of the building is completed. Until then we must be subjected to a variety of troubles and anxieties that few can appreciate.

## OF THE FURNISHING.

The materials for furnishing this new section of the building are all nearly ready—one hundred good hair mattresses and pillows, as many straw ticks,—one hundred and fifty pairs of blankets, and all sheets and other bedding for one hundred patients are on hand. All table-ware and cutlery, and a full supply of chairs are also ready. The bedsteads are in part ready, and the remainder will be before the patients are here to use them.

## FINISHING OF NEXT SECTION.

As the portion of the building we are about to occupy will accommodate only about *one half* of those waiting for admission, it is very desirable that the section now just ready for its roof will be speedily enclosed and so secured that the interior can be finished during the winter. If this can be done (for which appropriations already made are ample) we can be ready by early spring for about seventy-five more patients, making a total of *two hundred and twenty-five*. This doubtless will appear to most citizens of the State, a very large number, yet there will be, even then, some of the present applicants unprovided for.

As there are many very crude notions and much imperfect knowledge prevailing on this subject on the part of many of the tax-payers of the State, whose impulses are right when they are properly informed, it might be well to look beyond our own borders and see what is being done for the insane elsewhere.

#### WHAT OTHER STATES ARE DOING FOR THE INSANE.

Time was, when the insane, the world over were a neglected, abused and spurned portion of the community, but thanks to the modern impulses of christianity and the spirit of human benevolence, it is so no longer. Nations, States, and communities have waked up to a truer sense of their obligations, and are alive to their duty. But a few years since, almost within the memory of man, there were not a dozen institutions for the insane on the broad earth. Now they are numbered by hundreds and almost by thousands, and the money, not only for their erection, but for the care and maintenance of their inmates, is annually counted out by millions. This spirit of benevolence and appreciation of duty, is greater at this moment than at any former period. Confining our observations to our own country, let us glance at what is being done.

Massachusetts with five large Hospitals within her borders, is providing a sixth. Connecticut with *one*, has just commenced a second of magnificent dimensions and character. New York with five large public and some excellent private hospitals, has just resolved to erect two more that will cost nearly if not quite a million of dollars. New Jersey, small, but brave in duty, with one of the best Hospitals in the world, has just resolved to provide for all their insane, and is enlarging at an expected cost of two or three hundred thousand dollars. Pennsylvania with five Hospitals of large size and some smaller ones, is enlarging its Western Hospital and canvassing for another in some unprovided section of the State. Maryland, with two excellent Hospitals is now building two more, that when finished, will together cost over a half million of dollars,—one of them being from private munificence entirely. Ohio with five excellent Hospitals, has just resolved to enlarge two of them to more than double their present capacity, and also to erect a sixth one equal to any of the others, the cost of all of which is estimated at from one-half to three-fourths of a million of dollars.

I might thus go on much farther, but let this suffice.

With all this activity, however, the demands of the insane are not fully met. Insanity is undoubtedly on the increase, and will be more and more imperative in its demands for hospital capacity for many years to come. Should West Virginia flag in her duty while her wants are

but partially supplied? The calls for admission, and the number in the asylums of Virginia belonging to the State, admonish us that we cannot yet cease to build, without doing great injustice to many.

#### COST OF HOSPITALS FOR INSANE.

As much apprehension exists as to the extent and cost of hospitals for the insane, it might be proper to review the subject briefly. When this one was projected, it was estimated by the architect to cost, when complete with all appointments for use, the sum of \$305,000. The plan of the building, modified and approved by Dr. Stribling, of Staunton, and Dr. Kirkbride, of Philadelphia, was for 250 patients. This plan has been followed in building, and the estimated cost, based on the then existing prices of labor and materials, was \$1,220 per patient. The following table of a few of the institutions, with their capacity and cost, will show that the estimated cost of this was less *per capita* than the average of those in the table. They were all built before the war, and before the advent of high prices.

TABLE OF INSTITUTIONS, WITH COST OF BUILDING.

NAME, &C.	Capacity.	Cost.	Cost per Patient.
New York State Asylum, Utica .....	440	\$517,400	\$1,185
Maryland Hospital, Baltimore .....	130	213,600	1,443
McLean Asylum, Somerville, Massachusetts .....	200	321,000	1,605
Penn. Hosp. for Insane, Philadelphia, Pa. ....	240	330,000	1,377
New " " " " .....	250	325,000	1,300
New Jersey Asylum, Trenton .....	250	250,000	1,000
Maine Hospital for Insane .....	175	150,700	861
Mt. Hope Institution, Baltimore .....	120	200,000	1,666
Butler Hospital, Providence, R. I. ....	140	116,000	828
Lunatic Asylum, Taunton, Mass. ....	250	250,000	1,000
Michigan Hospital, Kalamazoo .....	288	340,000	1,180
Northampton Hospital, Mass. ....	250	335,000	1,340
Iowa Hospital, Mt. Pleasant .....	250	359,666	1,440
Average cost <i>per capita</i> , before the war .....			1,248
Average cost with 50 per ct. added for increased prices .....			1,872

## COST OF MAINTENANCE IN HOSPITALS.

From examining the cost of asylums to the cost of maintenance therein, the transition is easy. I have taken the following at random from among my reports of hospitals for the year 1866 :

TABLE OF INSTITUTIONS, WITH COST OF MAINTENANCE.

NAME, &C.	Year.	No. of Patients.	Annual Cost of each.	Cost per week per patient.
Pennsylvania Hospital for Insane, Philadelphia	1866	310	\$451	\$8 68
Government Hospital, Washington, D. C.	"	271	410	7 88
Northern Ohio, Newberg, O.	"	141	372	7 17
Nashville Hospital, Tenn.	"	181	333	6 40
Longview, Hamilton Co., O.	"	388	311	5 98
Illinois Hospital, Jacksonville	"	308	305	5 87
Southern Ohio, Dayton, O.	"	170	292	5 61
New York State Asylum, Utica	"	591	288	5 53
West Virginia Hospital, Weston	"	45	282	5 42
Central Ohio, Columbus	"	290	250	4 80
Northampton Hospital, Mass.	"	376	247	4 78
Dixmount Hospital, Pittsburg	"	206	237	4 57
Wisconsin Hospital, Madison	"	180	233	4 48
Pennsylvania State Hospital, Harrisburg	"	317	229	4 38
Staunton Asylum, Virginia	"	312	224	4 30
Eastern Kentucky, Lexington	"	250	215	4 13
Average weekly cost				\$5 65

Our Hospital, it will be seen, is below the average. In fourteen Hospitals in England, in 1863, the average weekly cost was \$4 08 and not there subject to our war prices.

## OF THE COLORED INSANE.

Several applications have been received for the admission of colored insane persons of both sexes. These have all been necessarily refused admission as we have no special arrangement for that class. Their admission into the wards with whites, is very properly refused in all the hospitals in the country. The insane are particularly sensitive as to their associations, so that tawny skinned Caucasians are not infrequently objects of suspicion and contempt, and sources of irritation.

They should, however, be provided for, very recently this has been done in some localities. The Government Hospital for Insane, at Washington,—the Tennessee Hospital, near Nashville,—the Longview Asylum, in Ohio, and perhaps some others have established separate wards,



or buildings, as appendages to the main hospitals, for this class. This could be done here whenever the State can consistently enter into such a measure, by an expenditure of ten thousand dollars, or less, for some twenty-five or thirty colored patients, and this would meet the demand for many years to come.

#### REVISION OF THE CODE.

The code in relation to the insane has, by change of circumstances and other causes, become less adapted to our use than formerly, and might be revised with signal benefit. When it is so revised I would suggest whether it would not be well to embody one or two important principles, found to be conveniently successful in their working in some other States. One of these principles is *that all admissions be made free*. Another is that such duties and powers be specified as shall lead to *the prompt admission of all recent cases*. The advantages to be derived from the adoption of these two principles would be incalculable. But I have neither time nor space to discuss the matter.

#### OUR INDUSTRIAL OPERATIONS.

The farm and garden have been made more productive the past season than usual. The enclosure of the farm has been completed by the construction of substantial fences, and the whole has been separated by the same means into three large divisions, allowing a part for cultivation, whilst the remainder is being pastured. More than one mile of this substantial fence has been made. Some twenty acres have also been cleared. About fifty more have been cleaned up and underbrushed. Very much more work of this kind is needed however to put the farm in proper condition for greatest availability.

The products of our cultivation have been about one thousand bushels of corn, three hundred bushels of Irish potatoes and twenty of sweet potatoes; one hundred and fifty gallons of molasses, from sorghum, and a great variety and abundance of garden vegetables,—to which can be added a large supply of corn fodder for our stock.

The ladies department of our household has not been idle. The employees and patients together, have made all the clothing required for all the patients, including coats, vests, pants and shirts for the men, and in addition have made the bed-ticks, sheets, pillow-slips, and all other needed articles for furnishing one hundred new beds.

## RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF CURRENT EXPENSE FUND.

Balance in my hands, Oct. 1, 1866-----	\$ 338 34
Received from G. A. Jackson, Treasurer-----	17,000 00
Received from Pay Patients-----	104 29
Received for sawing, planing, and use of mill---	72 50
Received for articles sold-----	19 43
<b>Total-----</b>	<b>\$17,534 56</b>
 Disbursements from Oct. 1, 1866, to Oct. 1, 1867--	 12,712 98
 Balance -----	 \$ 4,821 58

NOTE.—Oct. 10, 1867—This amount had been drawn and actually disbursed for *furnishing the new building*, but the Board of Directors ordered that this and similar expenditures be transferred from the Current Expense Fund to Construction Fund.

## CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF THE EXPENDITURES.

Bread materials, (Flour, Meal, &c.,)-----	\$ 793 75
Butter -----	341 11
Beef, Pork, Mutton, Bacon, Poultry and Eggs-----	580 01
Buckets and Brooms-----	5 30
Books and Stationery-----	68 92
Blacksmithing -----	3 50
Crockery, Queensware and Glassware-----	73 00
Chairs -----	21 00
Cooperage -----	3 50
Dry Goods-----	336 70
Fruits—Green and Dried-----	67 20
Farm and Garden Implements-----	46 42
Freights and Express Charges-----	70 03
Groceries -----	848 82
Hardware, Cutlery, Nails and Iron-----	253 90
Lubricating Oils-----	33 43
Labor—Mechanical and common-----	826 05
Lights, Oil, Lamps, Wick, &c-----	77 65
Lime -----	12 50
Medicines, &c-----	143 65
Manures -----	25 40
Paints, Oils, &c-----	42 47
Postage -----	31 33
Potter's Ware-----	19 25
Produce—Corn, Oats, Hay, Straw, &c-----	755 11
Piano Tuning, &c-----	5 00
Patients' Expenses—Sent home-----	46 75
“ “ Brought to Hospital-----	400 00
“ “ Returning Elopers-----	125 00
Salaries and Wages-----	4,307 83



Stock -----	11 25
Saddlery -----	76 80
Shoes and Shoe Repairing -----	63 05
Teaming from Railroad and at home -----	360 23
Tin Ware and Tinning -----	11 85
Vegetables of all kinds -----	90 65
Wagon, (spring) -----	181 00
Grist Mill for Corn Meal -----	45 00
Dial -----	16 20
Castings, &c. -----	36 00
Recording Deeds and Tax on same -----	15 75
Rubber Goods, Hospital Cloth, Belting, Packing, &c. -----	177 47
Revenue Stamps -----	4 20
Repairing Clock -----	1 00
Expenses of Sup't to meeting of Hospital Superintendents --	60 00
Assistant's services, twice, in necessary absence of Sup't ---	45 00
Sundries, including Directors' Expenses -----	24 07
Total -----	<u>\$12,712 98</u>

#### ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF NEXT FISCAL YEAR.

Assuming that the average weekly expenses in the coming year will be \$4 50 per capita, and that the next section of the building will be ready by the first of April, the sum of \$39,000 will be required for ordinary current expenses. On the same basis as to number of admissions during the year, the sum of \$6000 will be needed for transportation.

As these sums will be required during the fiscal year ending October 1st, there should be some provision made to meet expenses between that period and the time when the Legislature would be in session, nearly four months later.

#### ASSISTANCE.

In view of our immediate increase of numbers to one hundred and fifty patients, I respectfully ask the Board of Directors for the appointment of an Assistant Physician. Such Assistant, could aid me in many other than merely professional duties.

#### RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

So soon as we enter our new building, so that we can have a spot where our fold can be comfortably gathered together, it is my purpose to commence having regular Sabbath worship. The several Pastors of Weston have signified their willingness to serve the Institution in rotation. It has been thus long deferred only for the want of a suitable place and proper surroundings.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

We are under renewed obligations to the publishers and editors of periodicals. We only wish that we could extend our free list, so that we could magnify, not the sincerity but the number of our thanks.

Our Senators and Representatives in Congress have all been very kind in forwarding to us valuable public documents, but I must especially mention our Representative, Hon. C. D. Hubbard, whose unceasing remembrance of our Institution has almost given us a respectable library in itself.

The following is a list of periodicals gratuitously sent to our Hospital. Some others have been sent during the year, but we are in *regular* receipt of the following only :

The Ladies Repository, (a splendid Monthly,)	Cincinnati, Ohio.
The Western Christian Advocate, (Weekly)	“ “
The Religious Telescope.	“ Dayton, “
The Pittsburgh Advocate,	“ Pittsburgh, Pa.
The Weekly Intelligencer,	“ Wheeling, W. Va.
The National Telegraph.	“ Clarksburg, W. Va.
The Union Banner,	“ New Creek, “ “
The Mason County Journal,	“ Point Pleasant, W. Va.

Our thanks are also due to Dr. N. B. Barnes, whose professional assistance has been rendered in our necessary absence. They are also due to the attendants and other employees, who have continued to be faithful to their several duties.

Hoping that our own endeavors to faithfully serve the institution and the State, will meet with your approval, and that the officers of State and members of the Legislature would give us the light of their countenance, that they might personally judge whether, in the important trust confided to our hands, we are a faithful or an unfaithful servant, this is respectfully submitted.

R. HILLS.

*West Virginia Hospital for Insane, Weston, Oct. 9, 1867.*